(ख) क्या उत्पादन में वार्षिक वृद्धि की सफलता का कोई आकलन किया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके निर्धारित लक्ष्य क्या है, इसका राज्य-वार आकलन क्या है; और

(घ) उक्त अवधि के प्रत्येक वर्ष के दौरान खाद्यान्न उत्पादन की कितनी अनुमानित वृद्धि निर्धारित की गई है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोमपाल): (क) से (घ) नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना को अभी अन्तिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है।

Ban on Fishing in Oceans During Monsoon period

914. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the demands raised by the fishermen and their trade unions to ban fishing in the oceans during the monsoon period using motorised boats and trawlers;

(b) whether Government had conducted any expert study about the reasons raised by the fishermen to ban fishing during the monsoon period; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) With a view to conserve fishery resources and present killing of juvenile fishes, some coastal States have been imposing ban on fishing during monsoon period. Central Government had received requests from the State Governments for imposing similar ban in the EEZ for the same period. However, no demand has been received from the fishermen and trade Unions for this purpose.

(b) and (c) the question does not arise.

Annual Compound Growth of Agriculture

915. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the annual compound growth of agriculture from 1990-91 to 1998-99;

(b) what are the reasons for the fall in annual compound growth; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government to improve the growth of agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) The annual compound growth of crop production during 1990-91 to 1997-98 was 2.47 percent. The year 1998-99 has not yet commenced. The main reason for slower growth during the nineties compared to eighties is the slower growth in productivity mainly due to decelaration in fertiliser consumption and sluggish public sector investment.

(c) To accelerate the growth in agriculture, the Government is implementing various crop-specific centrally sponsored programmes relating to cereals, pulses, oilseeds, cotton, Jute, sugarcane and horticulture crops, Besides, Government is also providing price and market support to the farmers.

Deep Sea fishing Harbour at Agardanda

916. PROF. RAM KAPSE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the project of construction of a deep sea fishing harbour under the centrally sponsored scheme at Agardanda in Raigarh district of Maharashtra.

(b) by when the construction work will be started; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in undertaking construction work of this harbour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) the Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF), Bangalore is conducting investigations for preparation of technical report for Agardanda fishing harbour project in consultation with the State Government. Based on the technical report to be submitted to the Govern-